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TO: SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: AMBASSADOR EILTS 152

1. RE YOUR QUERY, IT IS MY IMPRESSION THAT IT IS PRIMARILY MARWAN WHO IS PUSHING FOR THE KUWAIT-GULF SHAIKHDOM SHOPS. HOWEVER, APART FROM A KUWAIT SHOP WHICH FAHMY NOW THINKS UNDESIRABLE FOR SECURITY REASONS, FAHMY, TOO, BELIEVES YOU SHOULD MAKE AN EFFORT TO STOP BRIEFLY IN BAHRAIN, QATAR AND ABU DHABI. FAHMY'S MAIN CONCERN SEEMS TO BE THE UPCOMING JUNE 1 OIL MINISTERS MEETING. HE THINKS IT WILL BE EASIER TO MANAGE THE PARTICIPATING GULF REPRESENTATIVES IF YOU HAVE BEEN BY THOSE STATES. I HAVE THE FURTHER IMPRESSION THAT SADAT SHARES FAHMY'S WORRY ABOUT MANAGING THE OIL MINISTER CONFERENCE IN CAIRO, BUT THAT HE MORE THAN FAHMY OR MARWAN WILL ACCEPT YOUR DECISION NOT TO GO. MARWAN HAS INDEED ENGAGED SADAT'S PRESTIGE IN THIS MATTER, BUT I BELIEVE THE PRESIDENT CAN EXPLAIN YOUR INABILITY TO GO AND CAN DO SO WITH ONLY MINIMAL EMBARRASSMENT TO HIMSELF.

3. MARWAN LEFT FOR PARIS THIS MORNING AND IS EXPECTED TO BE AWAY FOR 24 HOURS. HENCE, I CANNOT GET HIS UPDATED ASSESSMENT OF THE SECURITY SITUATION UNTIL HE RETURNS SOMETIME TOMORROW. AS OF 0230 THIS MORNING, HOWEVER, MARWAN STILL STOUTLY INSISTED THAT WITH EGYPTIAN SECURITY PEOPLE DEPLOYED TO THE GULF STATES AND THE KUWAITI ARMY ON ALERT, THERE SHOULD BE NO RPT NO SECURITY PROBLEM. I SUSPECT HE WILL CONTINUE TO STAND BY THAT ASSESSMENT.

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4. BELIEVE EGYPTIANS APPRECIATE THAT YOUR FIRST AND OVERRIDING PRIORITY DURING CURRENT TRIP MUST BE DISENGAGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS. THIS IS A POINT THAT I HAVE REPEATEDLY MADE TO FAHMY AND MARWAN AND THEY AGREE. AT THE SAME TIME THEY CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT, ONCE AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON A DISENGAGEMENT LINE, OTHERS OF YOUR STAFF CAN WORK OUT DETAILS, THEREBY PERMITTING

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YOU TO MAKE ONE DAY SWING TO GULF STATES, STOPPING ONLY AN HOUR OR TWO AT AIRPORT OF EACH STATE. I WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO STRESS OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE OF DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT AND PRESSURE AT TIME CONSIDERATIONS WHICH YOU FACE.

5. ON BALANCE, WHILE AS INDICATED ABOVE AND IN MY PERTINENT MESSAGE OF EARLIER TODAY, EGYPTIANS WOULD DEARLY LIKE YOU TO VISIT GULF STATES AT THIS TIME, I AM ALSO CONFIDENT THEY WILL ACCEPT YOUR DECISION WITH ONLY MINOR GRUMBLING. WILL AWAIT COPIES OF LETTERS ALREADY SENT TO GULF RULERS AND SUBMIT ANY FURTHER COMMENTS THAT MIGHT BE USEFUL ONCE I HAVE SEEN LETTERS.

6. WARM REGARDS.

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